

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4339
ANSWERED ON 07.01.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF BUNDELKHAND AS TOURIST HUB

†4339. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any new action-plan to develop Bundelkhand as tourist hub;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop this area enriched with natural and historical perspective as tourism hub after formulating such action plan and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (c): Identification and development of tourist sites/destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism under the Scheme of Swadesh Darshan – Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits provides central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism related infrastructure in the country for the projects identified in consultation with them, subject to submission of suitable detailed project reports, their adherence to scheme guidelines, availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

The Ministry has sanctioned the following projects for development of Bundelkhand Region under the scheme:

(Rs. in crore)

Sr. No.	Name of the Circuit and year	Name of project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Wildlife Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-	92.22

		Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	
2.	Ramayana Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur in Uttar Pradesh.	69.45
3.	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi in Uttar Pradesh.	63.77
4.	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Marhar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh.	34.82
5.	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Heritage Circuit Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu Madhya Pradesh.	99.77
TOTAL			360.03

All the above projects are at various stages of implementation/completion.
